

# Valley Community Presbyterian Church

*Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Opening Lives to God*

Reflecting God's love  
in thoughtful, joyful worship.  
Growing with vision and  
vitality remembering the spirit  
of our heritage.  
Serving the community  
with concern for the world.  
Supporting just and  
peaceful living.  
Encouraging faith exploration.  
Enjoying laughter, music  
and one another.  
A Christian place of  
belonging for all.

**Second Sunday  
of Advent**



**Sunday Worship  
December 10, 2017  
9:30 a.m.**

## GATHERING US IN

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Rev. Richard Buller  
Elder Sara Perry

GATHERING MUSIC  
*Prelude in g minor*  
Composer: William Walond

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES:  
**HOPE & PEACE**  
Dinner for Seven Group:  
Rick & Carole Martens, Greg & Mary Rom,  
Jay & Sara Perry and Marilyn Merino

ADVENT PRAYER  
**Loving God, you provide a mighty peace,  
even in the midst of trouble. As we light  
these candles, place your deep peace in us  
that we may help to make a way, risking  
peace each day, for your sake, and the sake  
of your realm of shalom. We pray this in  
the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen**

†HYMN #163  
*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

CALL TO CONFESSION  
Les Freeberg

PRAYER SONG  
**While we are waiting, come;  
while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, come.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Loving God, we turn to you in prayer,  
seeking forgiveness. In this time of  
tradition and comfort, we rely on the words  
of old to secure our relationship with you.  
As we prepare for Advent, we take lightly  
the act of confession, thinking that this  
season does not call for self-examination.**

**When we head out the doors of our homes,  
our many lists do not include you. We feel  
too hurried to ask you to make a straight  
path into our hearts. Your word teaches us  
that you are coming into our presence. We  
bow our heads today and ask for a new  
baptism in your Holy Spirit. This we pray  
in Jesus' name, AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
Pastor: Friends, believe in the  
Good News of the Gospel.  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS  
Congregational Blessing: **You are God's beloved child.  
With you God is well pleased.**  
*Children 3 years old through 1st grade may leave for Children's Worship.*

ANTHEM  
*Come Unto Him*  
Composer: George F. Handel

Come unto Him, all ye that labor,  
Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden,  
And He will give you rest.

Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
For He is meek and lowly of heart,  
And ye shall find rest, and ye shall find rest,  
Unto your souls.

SCRIPTURE READING  
Mark 1:1-8  
New Testament, page 34 of your pew Bible.

SERMON  
*The Storm Before the Calm*  
Rev. Richard Buller

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN #378  
*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against  
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
*Presbyterian Church (USA) Christmas Joy Offering*  
Andrew Pitan

OFFERING  
All loose offering benefits *KidPack*, a program that provides weekend  
nutrition for students at Noble Elementary School.

OFFERTORY  
*Angels, Ever Bright and Fair (from "Theodora")*  
Composer: G.F. Handel  
Riley Svatos, Soprano

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Loving God, we look toward the advent of our Messiah with hopeful  
anticipation. During this season of promise, inhabit our hearts as an  
indwelling power, and inspire us to prayerful gratitude and joyful  
generosity. Within our waiting and through our giving, let your Spirit  
act. May all our offerings be acceptable in your sight. In Jesus' name,  
Amen.**

*Children and teachers may leave for Faith Formation (Sunday School Classes).*

## SENDING US OUT

†HYMN #137  
*He Came Down*

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.*



**December 24, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 a.m.**  
*Worship Service*  
*Rev. Sarah Bigwood, preaching*  
*(Pajama Sunday for the children)*

**Christmas Eve Services**

**5:00 p.m.**  
*Family Christmas Service*

**10:00 p.m.**  
*Candlelight Christmas Service*  
*with Communion*  
*Rev. Richard Buller, preaching*

### **Joys and Concerns**

Please remember in your prayers all Valley members and friends with health and other concerns.

Our prayers and condolences to the family of **Dennis Collins**. Denny died on Friday, December 8.

**Myron Jones** had prostate surgery and is home recovering.

**Darlene Sehnert** is in hospice care at St. Therese of Oxbow Lake, Brooklyn Park.

## This Week at Valley

Today, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:15 am Children's Christmas Pageant

2:00 pm Brew Crew - Les & Arlene Freeberg's Home

6:00 pm TEAMS/Youth Group

Monday, December 11

5:15 pm Endowment Meeting

6:00 pm Elder/Deacon/  
Endowment/Staff Dinner

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, December 12

6:00 pm OA Meeting

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Technology/  
Communications Team  
Meeting

6:30 pm TCCGC Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

5:00 pm Yoga Class

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

9:30 am Bible Fellowship

1:00 pm Kidpack Packing Event

6:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

8:30 am Kidpack Delivery

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe

9:00 am Bridging Dresser Building

9:00 am Music Together WTC

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Faith Formation

10:30 am Fellowship Time

11:15 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party



Chancel Flowers

Sponsored today by  
Mark and Shirley Toering  
in honor of

their family's December birthdays.  
Arranged by Virginia Day.

## Sunday Helpers

Worship Assistant

Les Freeberg

Lead Ushers

Karen Harms

Margie Deutsch

Ushers

Mary Roback

Mary Ann Winter

Coffee Hosts

First Shift

Gwen Rouleau

Lucy Feneis

Second Shift

Susie Potter

Sound Technician

Alan Wold

Building

Open – Sara Perry

Close – Susie Potter

### Valley Church Staff

Ministers: All 481 members of this congregation.

Pastor

Rev. Richard D. Buller

Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

Director of Christian Education

Wendy Fields

Director of Music

Roderick Phipps-Kettlewell

Director of Wellsprings Music

Scott Newman

Director of Hand Bell Choir

Janet M.T. Carlson

Office Administrator

Lisa Tarbell

Secretary

Pam Magill

Custodian

Alan Wold

Nursery Attendant

Rebekah Rierson

Parish Associate Volunteers

Rev. Dr. Jim Cook

Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. Aron Wilterding

Valley Church was founded May 20, 1951.

## Valley Happenings

2017 Christmas Pageant  
*A New Star*  
Today at 11:15 a.m.



Canadian Pacific's Holiday Train will stop Saturday, December 10, in New Hope at 2:20 pm, Golden Valley at 3:34 pm and St. Louis Park raising food, money and awareness for local food banks.



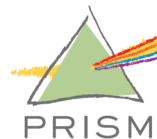
### Bridging

Dresser building event on December 16 at 9:00 a.m. at the Roseville location.

Sign up today in Fellowship Hall.



Lunch Bunch  
Monday, January 1  
at 11:30 a.m.  
50's Grill  
Brooklyn Center



### HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

Toy, gift card and wrapping paper collections begin today and go through December 14.

Volunteers *must* sign up through the PRISM website at [www.prismmpls.org](http://www.prismmpls.org).

KidPack  
Packing Event



Thursday, December 14  
1:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Contact Virginia Day for more information.

### Next Ed Beck Men's Lunch Tuesday, December 19

The group welcomes you to join them. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Valley Legion. If you are interested in joining the group or learning more, contact Dave McCunn for details.



### Paint a Bowl Souper Supper

Wednesday, January 3  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
\$8 per person

Contact Sheila Sheldon for more information.



## Welcome to Worship at Valley

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, programs and mission at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Find **newsletter** and activity information on our **website** at [www.valleychurch.net](http://www.valleychurch.net) or in the literature racks located around the building.

Reach us on our **telephone ministry** if you are unable to be with us for worship, call (763) 220-1455 to hear the service over your phone or on your computer at [uberconference.com/valleychurch](http://uberconference.com/valleychurch).

**Large-Print** bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals, as well as hearing devices, are available from the ushers.

**Child care** in the nursery is provided for infants and toddlers from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. by Rebekah Rierson. The nursery is located on this floor.

**Children's bulletins** are available in the Narthex for both readers and non-readers. Children are a large part of worship here at Valley and they are encouraged to be in the sanctuary to be part of the community of worship. Activity bags can be found in the narthex and a family area for little crawlers is located on the west side of the sanctuary.

Join us for **fellowship** with Fair Trade Coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**Adult Education classes** are offered during the school year in the Cornerstone Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. Brochures are available in the literature racks around the church building with class descriptions and speakers.

Interested in membership at Valley? **New Member classes** take place several times a year. Our next New Member's class will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 5:00 p.m. For information on the next class, see Rev. Buller or Rev. Bigwood at church this morning.

Wifi access is available throughout the building.  
network name: VCPC-Guest  
password: vcpcguest

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church**  
3100 North Lilac Drive · Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Phone: 763/588-0831 · E-mail: [office@valleychurch.net](mailto:office@valleychurch.net)  
[www.valleychurch.net](http://www.valleychurch.net) · Valley Community Presbyterian Church